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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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FIRST ACTION REJECTION

DRAWINGS

1. This application has been filed with drawings that are considered informal; however, said drawings are acceptable for examination and publication purposes. The review process for drawings that are included with applications on filing has been modified in view of the new requirement to publish applications at eighteen months after the filing date of applications, or any priority date claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§119, 120, 121, or 365.

CLAIM REJECTIONS — 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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2. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nguyen 5,931,917 (8/3/99) [f/d: 9/26/96] (herein referred to as "Nguyen").

As per claim 1, Nguyen (the ABSTRACT; col. 80, ll. 61-67; col. 81, ll. 1-20; col. 56, ll. 1-30; FIG. 18A; FIG. 25; FIG. 1A; FIG. 1B; FIG. 1C; FIG. 2; FIG. 3; FIG. 4; FIG. 9; FIG. 10; FIG. 14; FIG. 15A; FIG. 15B; FIG. 17; FIG. 18B; FIG. 19; FIG. 20A; FIG. 20B; FIG. 20C; FIG. 21A; FIG. 22; FIG. 23; FIG. 24; FIG. 26; FIG. 27; FIG. 28; FIG. 29/ FIG. 30; FIG. 31; FIG. 32; FIG. 33; FIG. 34; FIG. 35; FIG. 37; FIG. 38; FIG. 39; FIG. 40; FIG. 42; FIG. 43; FIG. 44; FIG. 45; FIG. 46; FIG. 47; FIG. 48; FIG. 50; FIG. 62; FIG. 63; FIG. 64; FIG. 65; FIG. 67; FIG. 68; FIG. 69; col. 1, ll. 10-67; col. 2, ll. 1-67; col. 3, ll. 1-67; col. 4, ll. 1-67; and whole document) shows the elements and limitations of claim 1.

Nguyen shows "*combines . . . authorization request . . . its . . . certificate . . . and its signature public key certificate. . .*" (See Nguyen col. 16, ll. 37-52).

Nguyen shows a method for initializing a series of electronic transactions. (See Nguyen col. 88, ll. 16-20).

Nguyen shows elements that suggest binding authorization data. (See Nguyen col. 88, ll. 21-26; and col. 88, ll. 9-12).

Nguyen does not explicitly recite the elements and limitations of claim 1 even though Nguyen reasonably suggests same. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art that Nguyen (col. 80, ll. 61-

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67; col. 81, ll. 1-20; col. 56, ll. 1-30; FIG. 18A; FIG. 25; FIG. 1A; FIG. 1B; FIG. 1C; FIG. 2; FIG. 3; FIG. 4; FIG. 9; FIG. 10; FIG. 14; FIG. 15A; FIG. 15B; FIG. 17; FIG. 18B; FIG. 19; FIG. 20A; FIG. 20B; FIG. 20C; FIG. 21A; FIG. 22; FIG. 23; FIG. 24; FIG. 26; FIG. 27; FIG. 28; FIG. 29/ FIG. 30; FIG. 31; FIG. 32; FIG. 33; FIG. 34; FIG. 35; FIG. 37; FIG. 38; FIG. 39; FIG. 40; FIG. 42; FIG. 43; FIG. 44; FIG. 45; FIG. 46; FIG. 47; FIG. 48; FIG. 50; FIG. 62; FIG. 63; FIG. 64; FIG. 65; FIG. 67; FIG. 68; FIG. 69; col. 1, ll. 10-67; col. 2, ll. 1-67; col. 3, ll. 1-67; col. 4, ll. 1-67; and whole document) would have been selected in accordance with showing “an on-line incentive offering program . . . an incentive module, programmed to automatically activate incentive offers in response to data received from said shopping cart module. . . .” because such selection would have provided means where “*control passes . . . to the WWW server . . . for the transaction to be appropriately formatted and the appropriate interface page presented, whether the transaction is a store front . . . shopping cart . . . pay page . . . standard terminal administration . . . transaction, or an extended terminal transaction. . . .*” (See Nguyen (col. 56, ll. 10-28)).

As per dependent claims 2-10, Nguyen shows the method of claim 1 and subsequent base claims depending from claim 1.

Nguyen does not explicitly recite the elements and limitations of claims 2-10 even though Nguyen reasonably suggests same.

Official Notice is taken that both the concepts and the advantages of the elements

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and limitations of claims 2-10 were notoriously well known and expected in the art at the time of the invention. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the elements and limitations of claims 2-10, because selection of such features would have provided means where *“control passes . . . to the WWW server . . . for the transaction to be appropriately formatted and the appropriate interface page presented, whether the transaction is a store front . . . shopping cart . . . pay page . . . standard terminal administration . . . transaction, or an extended terminal transaction. . . .”* (See Nguyen (col. 56, ll. 10-28)).

Independent claim 11 is rejected for substantially the same reasons as independent claim 1.

Independent claim 12 is rejected for substantially the same reasons as independent claim 1.

Independent claim 13 is rejected for substantially the same reasons as independent claim 1.

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CONCLUSION

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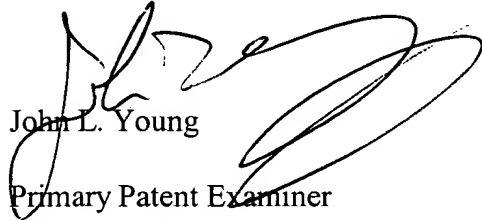
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John L. Young
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